March 12, 1986

GOLD HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dear Friends of Local History,

Just a note to keep you up-to-date on the progress of the Society:

Our purpose is to collect, preserve and exhibit historical items of the Gold Hill area. The incorporation papers were processed on February 21, 1986, thus we are now a non-profit organization, and as such, all donations are tax deductible.

We have set the third Monday of each month as our regular meeting date. Meetings are being held in the Gold Hill public library at 7 p.m. Special committee meetings are conducted throughout the month.

Temporary officers include Genevieve Heil as President, Tom Cushman as Vice-President, and Janet Sessions as Secretary/Treasurer.

A committee is currently working on establishing the Society's by-laws. Included is a section stating that if our Society should ever dissolve (heaven forbid!), all of our tangible assets would be turned over to the Southern Oregon Historical Society in Jacksonville. (Then they would at least stay in the county and not end up in Salem or Portland.)

Donor gift deeds have been presented to Clarence Kell for four Gold Hill newspapers - 1915, "36, "39, and "40, and to Fred Baker, Sr. for a land abstract tracing ownership of a local parcel of land from homestead in the mid 1800's up to 1923. (Hope to get this copied someday so everyone can read it. Fascinating reading!)

The Society has been given the loan of one of the original Gold Hill Library display cases. We need two locks, and a sturdy table as a base before we can use it to display items.

The Society's official mailing address is P.O. Box 26, Gold Hill, OR 97525. We have just opened a checking account at the Gold Hill branch of Western Bank. Current balance is $30. An endorsement stamp is on order.

Plans are progressing towards the taking of oral histories. Our hardworking member Sharon Olson has set us up with an especially interesting program for our next meeting. On March 17 at 7 p.m. Marjorie Edens, Oral Historian for the Southern Oregon Historical Society,will fill us in on the whole process. Hope to see you there. Call me at 855-7647 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Janet L. Sessions

Janet L. Sessions, Secretary

P.S. The Society is in need of a couple of tape recorders and a file cabinet for record storage. If you know of anyone with spares, please guide them to us.